

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 9, 2018

Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
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Attorney General Sessions:

We, the undersigned, urge you to:

1. **Limit Special Counsel Mueller's ("Mueller") investigation to (a) alleged Russian interference with the 2016 Presidential election (herein "Russian Interference") and (b) alleged collusion between the Trump Campaign and Russians with respect to the alleged Russian Interference (herein "Trump Collusion").**
2. **Terminate the investigative phase of Mueller's authority no later than July 5, 2018, which is the two-year anniversary of the date on which the FBI began investigating alleged Russian interference with the 2016 Presidential election.**<sup>1</sup>

We respectfully request that you consider the following reasoning for our request.

**1. Limit Investigation Scope.**

You recused yourself "from any existing or future investigations of any matters related in any way to the campaigns for President of the United States."<sup>2</sup> This request does not conflict with your recusal because it asks that you direct Mueller to cease investigation of matters that go beyond allegations of Russian Interference and Trump Collusion. For emphasis, matters beyond alleged Russian Interference and Trump Collusion, if any, can and should be treated like any other matter investigated and prosecuted by federal law enforcement officials and the Department of Justice.

While public opinion must not always dictate justice, it is important to emphasize that the expansion of Mueller's work scope goes way beyond the alleged Russian

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<sup>1</sup> House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence majority report. In the alternative, please terminate Mueller's investigative powers no later than July 31, 2018, per the minority report. See also: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2017/03/20/full-transcript-fbi-director-james-comey-testifies-on-russian-interference-in-2016-election/?utm\\_term=.25785f643d20](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2017/03/20/full-transcript-fbi-director-james-comey-testifies-on-russian-interference-in-2016-election/?utm_term=.25785f643d20); testimony of FBI Director James Comey, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 20, 2017, to-wit, that the investigation was a "counter-intelligence" investigation "started in July" of 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Press Release, Attorney General Sessions Statement on Recusal (March 2, 2017); <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/attorney-general-sessions-statement-recusal>.

Interference and Trump Collusion that was the public basis for the appointment of a special counsel. As such, continuation of Mueller's work scope beyond alleged Russian Interference and Trump Collusion betrays the public trust on which America's justice system is founded.

## **2. Terminate Investigative Phase After Two Years.**

The investigation of alleged Russian Interference began almost two years ago. Two years is more than enough time for a competent and thorough prosecutor (backed up by the resources of the FBI and Department of Justice) to do his job.

If no harm was being done by the tardiness of an investigation, that would be one thing. But in this instance, Mueller's tardiness is damaging America. The alleged Russian Interference and Trump Collusion investigations have taken on the character of an endless political persecution that not only harms America's trust in the justice system but also severely damages and distracts from the ability of a duly elected president to fulfill his duties to the American people.

As you know, America is racking up deficits and debt at a frightening and dangerous pace. Washington public officials must be more prudent with tax dollars forcibly taken from American citizens. Mueller appears to be burning through tax dollars at a roughly \$1.5 million per month clip.<sup>3</sup> Given the rather paltry results to date, a strong argument can be made that Mueller's investigation is an extravagant waste of tax dollars.

We urge you, on the second anniversary of the start of the alleged Russian Interference and Trump Collusion investigations, to end it. Between now and then, Mueller has plenty of time to get the job done.

Respectfully,

  
Congressman Mo Brooks (AL-05)

  
Congressman Jim Jordan (OH-04)

  
Congressman Ralph Norman (SC-05)

  
Congressman Jody Hice (GA-10)

<sup>3</sup> Between May 17, 2017 and September 30, 2017 the Special Counsel's Office spent \$6.7 million. This is the only official accounting provided by the Department of Justice for Mueller's activities. Special Counsel's Office Statement of Expenditures May 17, 2017 to September 30, 2017, U.S. Department of Justice (December 5, 2017); <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4321862-Special-Counsel-statement-of-expenditures.html>.

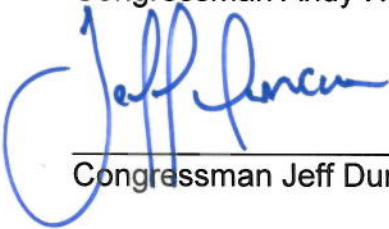




Congressman Bob Gibbs (OH-07)



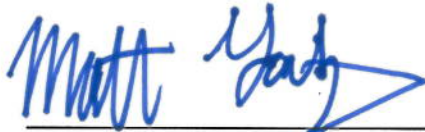
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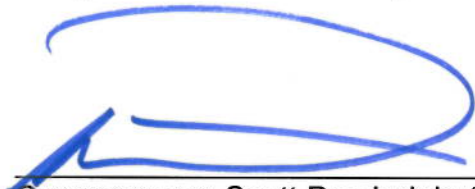
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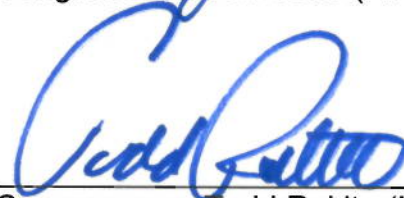
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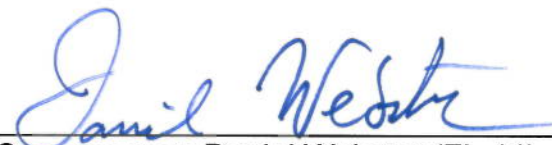
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Congressman Ted Yoho (FL-03)



Congressman Todd Rokita (IN-04)



Congressman Daniel Webster (FL-11)



Congressman Steven Palazzo (MS-04)